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LOK SABHA

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Notification on Environmental Protection
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received the comments from the public on the draft notification issued in April, 2015 regarding the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and if so, the details and the present status thereof;
(b) whether the Ministry has held consultations with stakeholders on the draft notification and if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the draft notification impose Emission Limit Standards on the installed thermal power plant capacity set up between January, 2007 and December, 2016, if so, the details thereof;
(d) whether the Emission Limit Standards for thermal power plants installed before December 31, 2003 is lower than the Emission Limit Standards for thermal power plants installed between 2003 and December, 2006 and if so, the reasons therefor; and
(e) whether the draft notification makes a distinction between polluted localities and greenfield areas for imposing Emission Limit Standards for Mercury, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) & (b) Yes Sir. Comments were received from different stakeholders including general public on the draft notification on Standards for Thermal Power Plants (TPPs) issued in April, 2015 under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986. The Standards for TPPs were finalized also considering the comments received. The comments received were related to emission limits of Sulphur-di-oxide (SO2), Oxides of Nitrogen (NOx), Particulate Matter (PM), water consumption etc.

(c) A copy of the notification is annexed.

(d) Considering the technical feasibility for installation of pollution control systems and age of the power plants, the lower emission limits of SO2, NOx and PM have been prescribed for TPPs commissioned prior to December 31, 2003.

(e) The notification does not make any distinction between polluted localities and greenfield areas for mercury for implementing these standards uniformly.
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